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SPEEDY EXECUTION OF POWER PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the funds allocated for power projects have been fully utilized during the last financial year;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government for speedy execution of power projects during the current financial year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER(SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) : The Annual Plan allocation for Power Projects in the financial year 2005- 06 was Rs. 17076.25 crore. Against the said provision, an amount of Rs. 11267.47 crore was utilized during the year.

(b) : As funds provided for power projects are under Central Sector scheme, there is only project wise allocation and not State-wise. Hence it is not feasible to furnish

State-wise fund allocation and their utilization.

(c) :The reduced utilization is mainly due to lower investment by NHPC, NEEPCO, SJVNL & DVC on account of following reasons:-

(i) NHPC (National Hydro Electric Power Corporation)
(A) Subansiri Lower − Due to delay in formal forest clearance the work could only be started w.e.f 01.01.2005 as against October, 2004 envisaged earlier. Thereafter, resistance from the local persons has resulted in slow progress at Power House resulting in lower than anticipated expenditure.
(B) Teesta Low Dam − IV, Uri-II & Parbati-III − Due to delay in investment approval, the expenditure was less than what was envisaged.
(C) Siyom- Due to non-availability of required clearances, the investment decision is delayed.
(D) Kishan Ganga- Due to change of design, the project approval could not take place.

(ii) NEEPCO (North Eastern Electric Power Corporation)
(A) Tripura Gas Based Power Project - Due to dropping of the scheme in the absence of firm gas linkage
(B) Kameng HEP - Due to slow progress of the project work.

(iii) SJVNL (Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam Ltd.) − Due to non approval of Rampur HEP.
(iv) DVC (Damodar Valley Corporation)

(A) Reduction in on-going scheme of Chandrapura Thermal Power Station units 7 & 8 and Mejia Thermal Power Station Extension units 5 & 6
(B) Reduction in new scheme
(C) Reduction in T&D scheme
(D)Reduction in R&M scheme.

(d) : Ministry of Power is taking suitable measures like intensive monitoring of all projects, inter-ministerial coordination, periodic visits to projects sites, etc. to ensure quicker clearance and speedy execution of the Power Projects during current financial year i.e 2006-07.